



## **Civic Engagement Fellow (Houston, TX)**

### **Job Description**

*APALA seeks a creative, strategic, and passionate advocate for economic justice and AAPI worker equity.*

### **Summary**

The Asian Pacific American Labor Alliance (APALA), AFL-CIO is seeking a Civic Engagement Fellow to help our team build out local worker and civic engagement campaigns. The anticipated timeframe for the fellowship is March 2020 to August 2020 (20 weeks).

### **About APALA**

Founded in 1992, the Asian Pacific American Labor Alliance (APALA), AFL-CIO is the first and only national organization of Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) union members and allies advancing worker, immigrant, and civil rights. Backed with strong support of the AFL-CIO, APALA has 23 chapters and pre-chapters in 16 states and a national office in Washington, D.C. In 2011 to ensure broader education, civic engagement, and capacity building for our communities, APALA established the Institute for Asian Pacific American Leadership & Advancement (IAPALA) as a 501(c)3. To achieve our mission, we build power by:

- Organizing members into unions, develop a pipeline of labor leaders, and build political power for our community;
- Educating AAPI workers and allies about the labor movement, principles of trade unionism, and collective bargaining, as well as providing a vehicle for AAPI issues and concerns;
- Activating our chapters across the country to advance social, racial, and economic justice through state-based campaigns; and
- Representing the voice of AAPI workers on coalitions within the labor community and more broadly in the civil rights, AAPI, and racial justice communities.

### **About the Position**

The Civic Engagement Fellows will advance our programs to build capacity with local APALA chapters in order to execute worker and civic engagement organizing campaigns. This role will have high-level exposure to an exciting world of labor organizing, community advocacy, and nonprofit coalitions. The Houston, TX fellow will be housed at the Gulf Coast Area Labor Federation.

Responsibilities include:

- Working with local labor and chapter leaders to design and execute organizing campaigns around workers rights and civic engagement

- Recruiting and engaging local APALA members into the campaigns
- Recruiting and training volunteers that will engage community members around campaign efforts
- Strengthening AAPI participating in existing and future campaigns in conjunction with local labor unions
- Working with local partners to uphold and strengthen collaborations with other AAPI organizations and networks
- Tracking and data entering work to ensure data driven campaign
- Assisting in scheduling, planning, and organizing events in the AAPI community.

## **About the Candidate**

### *What We're Looking For:*

- Highly organized, detail-oriented self-starter who can drive projects that result in high quality work in a timely manner. You know how to think ahead, prioritize your workload, and prepare for challenges. You enjoy challenges and having a full plate but also know how to manage up when the workload needs to be reprioritized.
- Outcomes-oriented person who is creative about your work, loves to learn more about the movement, and is always asking questions. You are usually the kind of person who has a new idea for how to run the program better and appreciates constructive feedback from team members.
- Deep commitment to racial, social, and economic justice. You don't just ask "Who's not at the table?" but "Why aren't they at the table and how can we fix it?"
- Natural organizer who enjoys talking to members, board members, allies and other stakeholders. People go to you when they want to know who to work with on a specific campaign or how they can get help with a project.
- Someone who enjoys a respectful, positive, collaborative, and flexible work environment. The team is small but nimble. We celebrate shared successes and empower each other to be impactful in our work.
- Someone that is disciplined enough to drive their work after being given guidance on overall outcomes.

### *Job Requirements:*

- Experience organizing in civic engagement and/or organizing campaigns, especially in economic justice and worker issues.
- Experience in economic justice or labor organizations.
- Knowledge of and experience working in the Asian American/Pacific Islander community.
- Demonstrated passion working in low-income, working class, and communities of color around social, economic, and racial justice.
- Strong written and verbal communication skills; a relatable and persuasive communicator/organizer with excellent interpersonal skills.
- Nice to have but not necessary:
  - Experience working in a local or state-based organizations

- Experience working in coalitions
- Experience with technology like Voter Activation Network, Hustle

### **Compensation**

Hourly rate of \$17.00/hour, weekly maximum of 40 hours. Benefits include a monthly cell phone and transit stipend.

Submit cover letter and resume with 2 references (at least 1 work reference) to:  
**apala(at)apalanet(dot)org** with the subject line “Houston Civic Engagement Fellow.”  
Applications are rolling until March 13.

APALA is an equal opportunity employer. We strongly encourage youth, people of color, women, LGBTQ, and disabled folks to apply. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis until the position is filled.

The privacy of applicants will be respected and preserved until the last phase of the hiring process. References will be checked during finalist interviews, with candidate knowledge.